

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:)
ZHAO, Cunxiang, et al.) Group Art Unit: 1625
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) Examiner: O'Dell, David K.
Application No.: 10/552,358)
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FILED: 07/10/2006) DATE: 01/29/2008

**TITLE: N-CONTAINING HETEROAROMATIC COMPOUNDS AS MODULATORS
OF PPARS AND METHODS OF TREATING METABOLIC DISORDERS**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2007, for which a Shortened Statutory Period for reply was set for one month and which expired December 29, 2007. The Applicant requests a one month extension of time which is now set to expire on January 29, 2008. Authorization is hereby given to treat this and any future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.135 for its timely submission or payment of fee, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time or authorization to pay any required fees. Please charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 503299.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims and Listing of Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Response to Requirement for Restriction and Election of Species and Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.